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# State Labor Summary
## NORTH CAROLINA

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
February, 1986

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS OVER THE MONTH: North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 2,978,500 in the middle of February, 1986, a net monthly gain of 17,300 persons (+0.6 percent). The State's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated at 3,032,000 in mid-February of this year, a significant net monthly increase of 12,000 workers (+0.4 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FALLS SLIGHTLY IN FEBRUARY: In mid-February, 1986, manufacturing employment in the State was estimated to be 823,800, a monthly decline of 1,800 people (-0.2 percent). Employment in the durable goods sector dropped by 300 people (-0.1 percent) with the electrical machinery industry group suffering the largest net over-the-month loss, down by 500 workers(-0.8 percent). The transportation equipment industry enjoyed a modest gain of 200 employees (+0.9 percent) over the month. The nondurable goods sector accounted for the balance of the employment loss in manufacturing with a net monthly decrease of 1,400 persons (-0.3 percent). Most of the decrease occurred in tobacco, which sustained a seasonal decline of 1,100 workers (-4.2 percent). All of the loss in tobacco occurred in tobacco stemming and redrying. Employment in apparel and related products also fell by 600 workers (-0.7 percent), with women and children's garments down by 700. On the positive side in nondurables, the printing and publishing industry group added 400 people (+1.5 percent) from January to February of this year.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RECORDS NOTICEABLE GROWTH: In the middle of February of this year, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,850,500, a net monthly increase of 6,900 persons (+0.4 percent). Although seasonal losses were evident over the month in construction (-1,200) and total trade (-1,500), with retail trade losing 2,300 workers, the employment decreases were more than offset by surges in service and miscellaneous (+4,100) and total government (+4,500). Within the service industry, hotels and other lodging places added 200 people and personal services picked up 500. Employment increased by 3,000 in state government and rose by 1,600 in local government.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN FEBRUARY: Total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 180,600 as of the middle of February, 1986, a net monthly drop of 4,900 people (-2.6 percent). As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 5.9 percent this January to 5.7 percent this February. North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment in mid-February of this year was estimated to be 168,000, a net over-the-month decrease of 10,000 persons (-5.6 percent). Consequently, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment dropped from 5.6 percent to 5.2 percent during the same time period. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.8 percent this February and 7.3 percent this January. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.3 percent in February, 1986, and 6.7 percent in January, 1986.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

| | February, 1986 | January, 1986 | February, 1985 2/ |
|---|---|---|---|
| (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 3,159,100 | 3,146,700 | 3,017,200 |
| Employment | 2,978,500 | 2,961,200 | 2,816,100 |
| Unemployment | 180,600 | 185,500 | 210,100 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.7 |
| (Seasonally Adjusted) | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 3,200,000 | 3,198,000 | 3,056,000 |
| Employment | 3,032,000 | 3,020,000 | 2,869,000 |
| Unemployment | 168,000 | 178,000 | 187,000 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.2 | 5.6 | 6.1 |
| National Rate (Unadjusted) | 7.8 | 7.3 | 7.8 |
| (Seasonally Adjusted) | 7.3 | 6.7 | 7.3 |

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DOWN SLIGHTLY: From mid-January to mid-February of this year, the average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers fell by 1¢ an hour to $7.44. Employees in the durable goods sector, however, experienced a modest net monthly increase of 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) to reach $7.66. Hourly earnings of employees in three of the industry groups in durable goods advanced by 9¢ an hour over-the-month. The industries included stone, clay, and glass; primary metals; and electrical machinery. The nondurable goods sector's workers suffered a loss of 3¢ an hour over the month, dropping to $7.29 this February. The only nondurable goods industry group to realize a significant net monthly increase was tobacco manufacturing, up by 29¢ an hour (+2.2 percent) to $13.49. Workers in apparel and rubber followed with increases of just 1¢ an hour each. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees sustained a decrease of $4.87 (-1.6 percent) over the month, declining to $296.86. Average weekly hours which stood at 39.9 in February, 1986, were down by 0.6 of an hour.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS CONTINUES TO GROW: There were 193,320 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina at the end of February of this year, a net monthly jump of 9,611 persons (+5.2 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine segment was the largest applicant segment by age with 119,964 or 62.1 percent of the total. Following was the forty to fifty-four sector which had 32,939 or 17.0 percent, and the fifty-five and over age group registered the lowest number of active applicants with 10,186 or only 5.3 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females, numbering 98,381 or 50.9 percent of the total. Whites who were not Hispanic made up the largest ethnic group with a count of 108,564 or 56.2 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of February 28, 1986.

Statewide Active Applicant File
February 28, 1986

| | Number | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| Total | 193,320 | 100.0 |
| Age | | |
| 21 and Under | 30,231 | 15.6 |
| 22 - 39 | 119,964 | 62.1 |
| 40 - 54 | 32,939 | 17.0 |
| 55 and Over | 10,186 | 5.3 |
| Sex | | |
| Male | 94,939 | 49.1 |
| Female | 98,381 | 50.9 |
| Ethnic Group | | |
| White, not Hispanic | 108,564 | 56.2 |
| Black, not Hispanic | 79,684 | 41.2 |
| Hispanic | 1,233 | 0.6 |
| American Indian and Alaskan Native | 2,924 | 1.5 |
| Other Races and Undetermined | 915 | 0.5 |
| Eligible Claimant | 78,336 | 40.5 |
| Veteran | 35,208 | 18.2 |
| Handicapped | 12,736 | 6.6 |
| Welfare | 27,677 | 14.3 |
| Seasonal Farmworker | 2,244 | 1.2 |

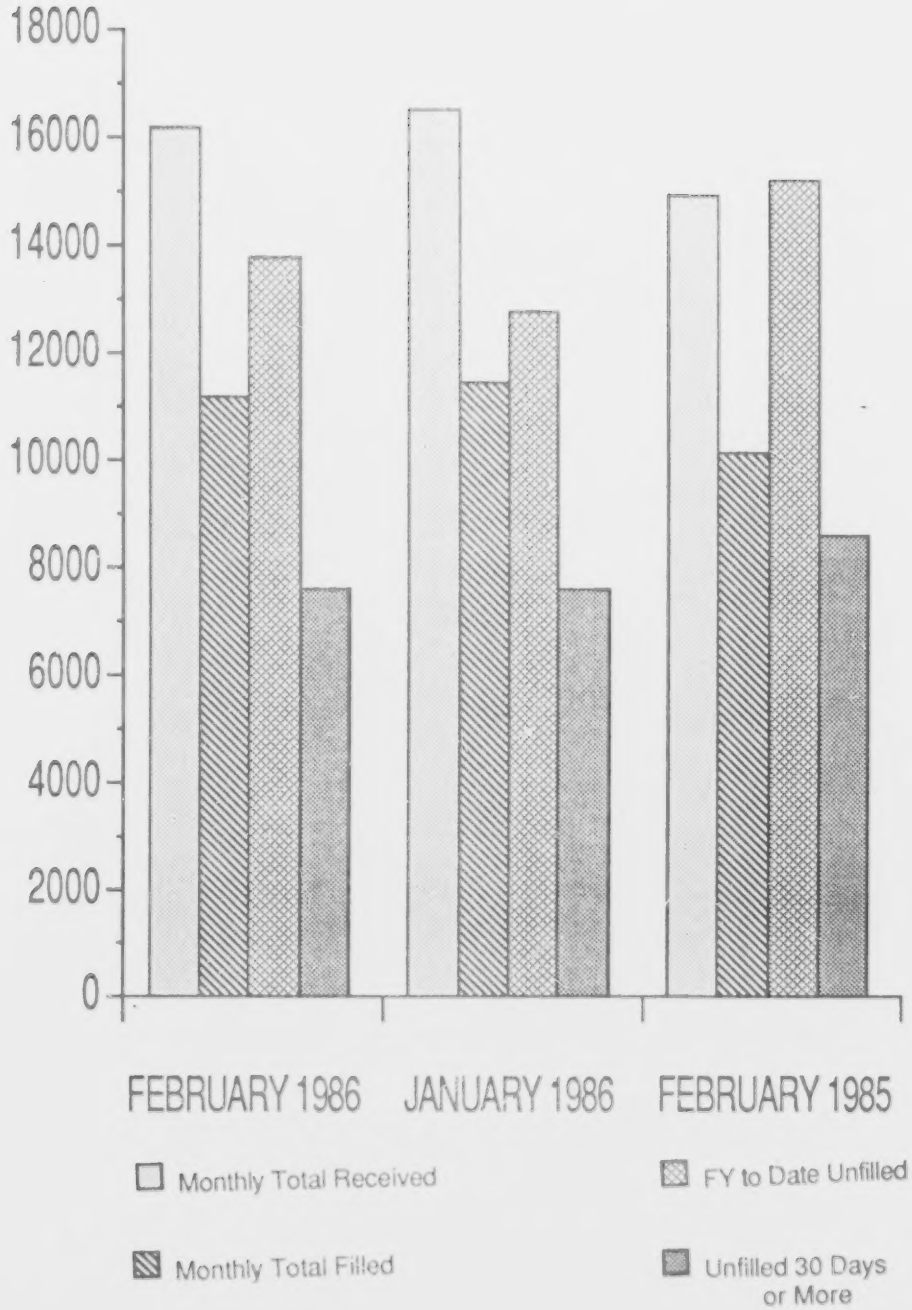
THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS FALLS SLIGHTLY OVER THE MONTH: There were 16,173 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State during February, 1986, a small net over-the-month drop of 289 (-1.8 percent). A large percentage of those openings was filled (69.4 percent or 11,222). The largest number of job openings this February occurred in the service group which had 3,698. Of these 1,975 or 53.4 percent were filled. The miscellaneous category recorded 2,385 job openings received and 1,984 or 83.2 percent filled. Following were job openings in clerical occupations with 1,992 received in February and 1,205 or 60.5 percent filled. Processing had the lowest number of job openings for the month with just 569, but most of them were filled (486 or 85.4 percent). From July 1, 1985, through February 28, 1986, there were 174,468 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. A high percentage of those openings was filled (79.8 percent or 139,160). As of February 28, 1986, there were 13,791 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file and over half (7,650 or 55.5 percent) had been on file for thirty days or more indicating they were hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on the State's job openings for February, 1986, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through February 28, 1986).

Statewide Job Openings Data

| | February, 1986 | | Fiscal Year to Date 1/ | | Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Feb. 28, 1986 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Occupation | Received | Filled | Received | Filled | Total | 30 Days or More |
| Prof., Tech., and Mgr. | 870 | 331 | 7,247 | 3,480 | 1,587 | 1,011 |
| Clerical | 1,992 | 1,205 | 19,509 | 13,211 | 1,698 | 870 |
| Sales | 632 | 250 | 6,658 | 3,949 | 837 | 485 |
| Service | 3,698 | 1,975 | 28,587 | 21,097 | 3,418 | 1,518 |
| Domestic | 1,164 | 121 | 2,896 | 1,536 | 1,099 | 74 |
| Other Services | 2,534 | 1,854 | 25,691 | 19,561 | 2,319 | 1,444 |
| Farm., Fish., and Forest. | 748 | 667 | 29,541 | 29,142 | 280 | 173 |
| Processing | 569 | 486 | 7,225 | 6,568 | 235 | 124 |
| Machine Trades | 1,452 | 1,071 | 11,766 | 8,720 | 1,326 | 753 |
| Bench Work | 1,849 | 1,725 | 15,832 | 13,938 | 1,252 | 760 |
| Structural Work | 1,978 | 1,528 | 23,397 | 18,169 | 1,779 | 1,144 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,385 | 1,984 | 24,706 | 20,886 | 1,379 | 812 |
| Motor Freight and Transp. | 382 | 238 | 4,020 | 2,696 | 351 | 186 |
| Pkg. and Mat. Hand. | 1,965 | 1,720 | 20,120 | 17,790 | 983 | 595 |
| Other | 38 | 26 | 566 | 400 | 45 | 31 |
| Total | 16,173 | 11,222 | 174,468 | 139,160 | 13,791 | 7,650 |

1/ July 1, 1985, through February 28, 1986.

# NORTH CAROLINA JOB OPENINGS DATA



## A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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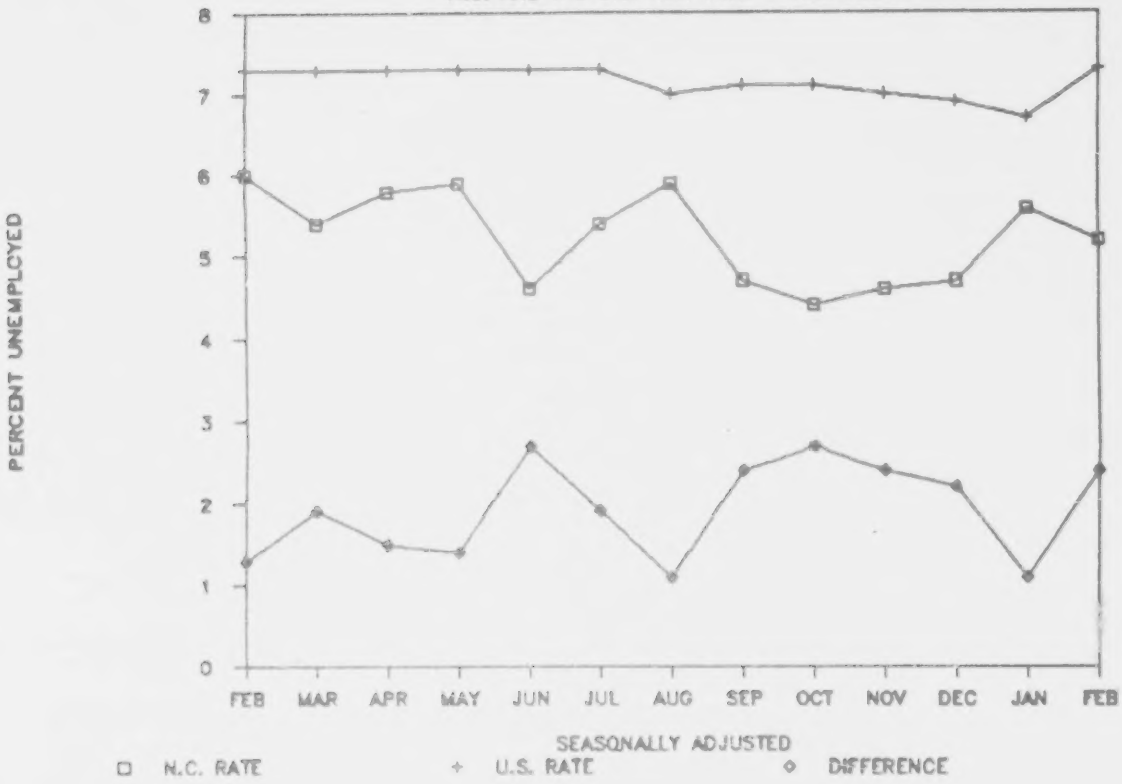


## NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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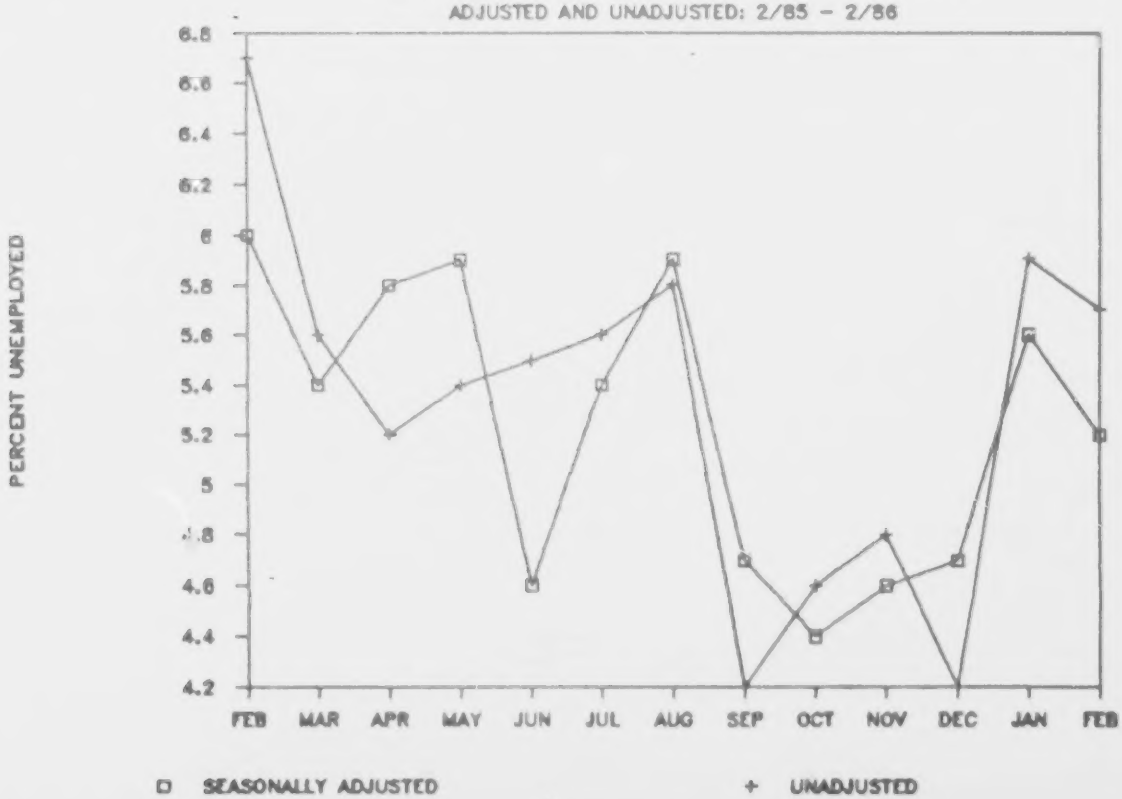
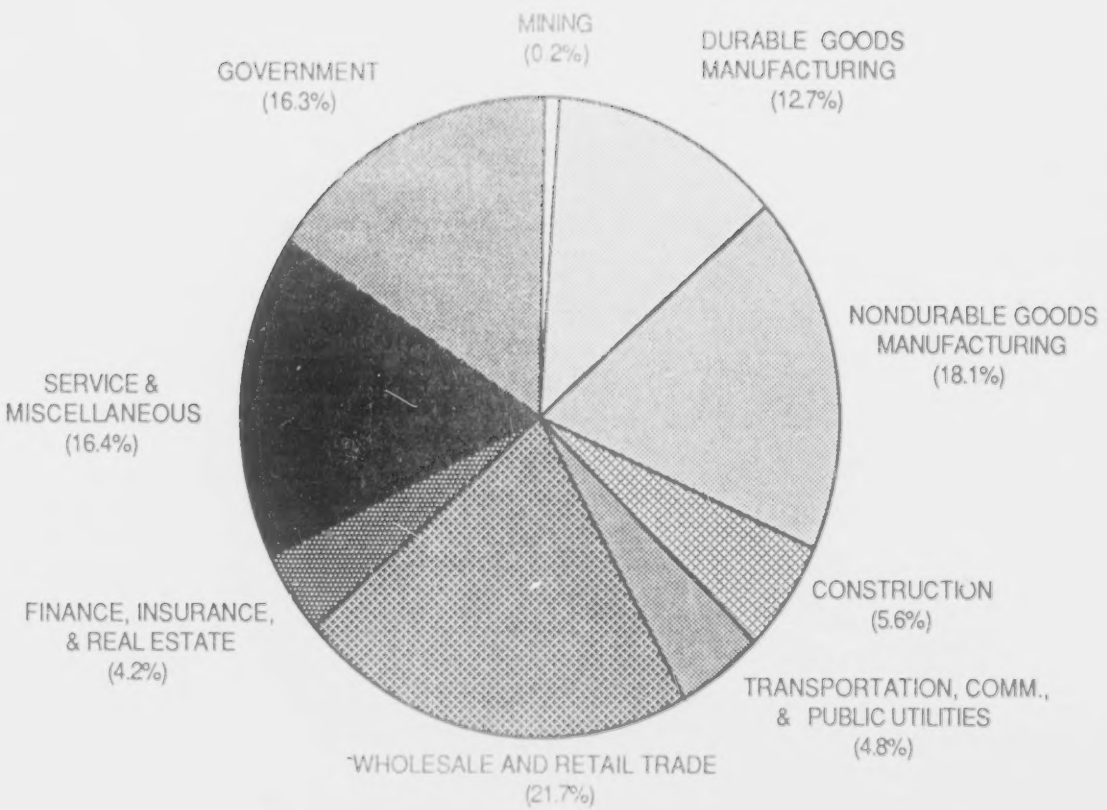


# COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 1986

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1986

| INDUSTRY | TOTAL EMPLOYMENT | | | PERCENT CHANGE FROM: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | February 1986 (Thous.) | January* 1986 (Thous.) | February* 1985 (Thous.) | January 1986 | February 1985 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 2,674.3 | 2,699.2 | 2,594.1 | + 0.2 | + 3.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 823.8 | 825.6 | 826.1 | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 339.5 | 339.8 | 341.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 35.5 | 35.5 | 35.7 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| Sawmills & Planing Mills | 11.6 | 11.9 | 12.3 | - 2.5 | - 5.7 |
| Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members | 8.4 | 8.3 | 8.6 | + 1.2 | - 2.3 |
| Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.7 | - 1.8 | +14.9 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 85.2 | 85.1 | 85.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.8 |
| Household Furniture | 75.4 | 75.2 | 76.1 | + 0.3 | - 0.9 |
| Wood Household Furniture | 37.5 | 37.2 | 38.4 | + 0.8 | - 2.3 |
| Upholstered Household Furniture | 31.4 | 31.5 | 31.4 | - 0.3 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Products | 19.4 | 19.3 | 19.2 | + 0.5 | + 1.0 |
| Structural Clay Products | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 0 | + 4.2 |
| Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods. | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 0 | + 5.8 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 0 | + 1.9 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 26.4 | 26.6 | 26.9 | - 0.8 | - 1.9 |
| Fab. Structural Metal Products | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | - 1.2 | - 2.4 |
| Machinery, Exc. Electrical | 56.5 | 56.6 | 58.2 | - 0.2 | - 2.9 |
| Special Industry Machinery | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.4 | - 1.4 | - 6.8 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equipment | 65.2 | 65.7 | 65.7 | - 0.8 | - 0.8 |
| Household Appliances | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.8 | + 1.9 | +12.5 |
| Transportation Equipment | 23.7 | 23.5 | 22.4 | + 0.9 | + 5.8 |
| Other Durable Goods 2/ | 16.8 | 16.9 | 16.6 | - 0.6 | + 1.2 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 484.4 | 485.8 | 484.9 | - 0.3 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 45.9 | 45.8 | 43.8 | + 0.2 | + 4.8 |
| Meat Products | 20.1 | 19.6 | 18.3 | + 2.6 | + 9.8 |
| Meat Packing Plants | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | + 4.0 | + 4.0 |
| Dairy Products | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0 | + 3.4 |
| Grain Mill Products | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 0 | - 4.0 |
| Bakery Products | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.7 | - 1.3 | - 1.3 |
| Beverages | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 0 | + 3.5 |
| Tobacco Manufacturers | 25.0 | 26.1 | 25.1 | - 4.2 | - 0.4 |
| Cigarettes | 20.5 | 20.4 | 20.2 | + 0.5 | + 1.5 |
| Tobacco Stemming & Redrying | 4.0 | 5.1 | 4.4 | -21.6 | - 9.1 |
| Textile Mill Products | 205.1 | 205.2 | 209.1 | ** | - 1.9 |
| Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool | 53.5 | 54.3 | 59.2 | - 1.5 | - 9.6 |
| Weaving Mills, Cotton | 28.2 | 28.7 | 31.1 | - 1.7 | - 9.3 |
| Weaving Mills, Synthetics | 24.7 | 25.0 | 27.5 | - 1.2 | -10.2 |
| Knitting Mills | 75.2 | 74.7 | 73.4 | + 0.7 | + 2.5 |
| Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks | 25.0 | 24.9 | 24.3 | + 0.4 | + 2.9 |
| Hosiery, NEC | 22.9 | 22.6 | 22.6 | + 1.3 | + 1.3 |
| Circular Knit Fabric Mills | 12.8 | 12.6 | 12.0 | + 1.6 | + 6.7 |
| Warp Knit Fabric Mills | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 | - 1.6 | - 1.6 |
| Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Yarn & Thread Mills | 48.3 | 48.2 | 48.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1986

| INDUSTRY | TOTAL EMPLOYMENT | | | PERCENT CHANGE FROM: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | February 1986 (Thous.) | January* 1986 (Thous.) | February* 1985 (Thous.) | January 1986 | February 1985 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 88.3 | 88.9 | 86.2 | - 0.7 | + 2.4 |
| Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish. | 30.3 | 30.0 | 28.9 | + 1.0 | + 4.8 |
| Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments | 37.7 | 38.4 | 38.4 | - 1.8 | - 1.8 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 22.3 | 22.5 | 22.7 | - 0.9 | - 1.8 |
| Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills | 10.9 | 11.0 | 11.4 | - 0.9 | - 4.4 |
| Paperboard Containers & Boxes | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.6 | - 1.3 | - 1.3 |
| Printing & Publishing | 27.4 | 27.0 | 25.7 | + 1.5 | + 6.6 |
| Newspapers | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.3 | + 1.0 | + 5.4 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 37.0 | 36.9 | 37.7 | + 0.3 | - 1.9 |
| Plastics Materials & Synthetics | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.3 | 0 | - 2.3 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products | 29.0 | 29.1 | 30.4 | - 0.3 | - 4.6 |
| Other Nondurable Goods 3/ | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 0 | + 4.8 |
| NONMANUFACTURING | 1,850.5 | 1,843.6 | 1,768.0 | + 0.4 | + 4.7 |
| MINING | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | - 2.2 | - 2.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 149.7 | 150.9 | 136.1 | - 0.8 | +10.0 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 129.1 | 128.3 | 126.0 | + 0.6 | + 2.5 |
| Transportation, Exc. Railroad | 69.9 | 69.2 | 67.6 | + 1.0 | + 3.4 |
| Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser. | 54.7 | 54.6 | 53.7 | + 0.2 | + 1.9 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE | 580.7 | 582.2 | 556.9 | - 0.3 | + 4.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 138.3 | 137.5 | 134.8 | + 0.6 | + 2.6 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 84.2 | 83.4 | 81.7 | + 1.0 | + 3.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 54.1 | 54.0 | 53.1 | + 0.2 | + 1.9 |
| Retail Trade | 442.4 | 444.7 | 422.1 | - 0.5 | + 4.8 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 58.3 | 60.4 | 55.2 | - 3.5 | + 5.6 |
| Food Stores | 71.2 | 71.3 | 69.6 | - 0.1 | + 2.3 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE | 111.6 | 111.4 | 105.2 | + 0.2 | + 6.1 |
| SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/ | 437.7 | 433.6 | 410.1 | + 0.9 | + 6.7 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 25.1 | 24.9 | 21.9 | + 0.8 | +14.6 |
| Personal Services | 28.1 | 27.6 | 26.0 | + 1.8 | + 8.1 |
| Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser. | 11.6 | 11.6 | 11.0 | 0 | + 5.5 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 437.2 | 432.7 | 429.0 | + 1.0 | + 1.9 |
| Federal | 52.5 | 52.6 | 50.3 | - 0.2 | + 4.4 |
| State | 127.7 | 14.7 | 128.3 | + 2.4 | - 0.5 |
| Education | 68.0 | 65.1 | 68.1 | + 4.5 | - 0.1 |
| Other | 59.7 | 59.6 | 60.2 | + 0.2 | - 0.8 |
| Local | 257.0 | 255.4 | 250.4 | + 0.6 | + 2.6 |
| Education | 137.6 | 136.8 | 136.3 | + 0.6 | + 1.0 |
| Other | 119.4 | 18.6 | 114.1 | + 0.7 | + 4.6 |

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Revised.
** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1986
Seasonally Adjusted

| INDUSTRY | TOTAL EMPLOYMENT | | | PERCENT CHANGE FROM: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | February 1986 (Thous.) | January* 1986 (Thous.) | February* 1985 (Thous.) | January 1986 | February 1985 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 2,706.6 | 2,702.7 | 2,623.9 | + 0.1 | + 3.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 829.9 | 831.5 | 831.5 | - 0.2 | - 0.2 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 341.2 | 341.8 | 342.2 | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 36.2 | 36.2 | 36.4 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| Sawmills & Planing Mills | 11.9 | 12.2 | 12.6 | - 2.5 | - 5.6 |
| Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.7 | + 1.2 | - 2.3 |
| Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes | 5.6 | 5.7 | 4.9 | - 1.8 | +14.3 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 84.8 | 84.3 | 84.8 | + 0.6 | 0 |
| Household Furniture | 75.0 | 74.5 | 75.7 | + 0.7 | - 0.9 |
| Wood Household Furniture | 37.7 | 37.2 | 38.5 | + 1.3 | - 2.1 |
| Upholstered Household Furniture | 31.4 | 31.4 | 31.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Products | 19.8 | 19.8 | 19.6 | 0 | + 1.0 |
| Structural Clay Products | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | + 3.7 | + 7.7 |
| Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods. | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 0 | + 5.6 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 0 | + 1.9 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 26.7 | 26.7 | 27.2 | 0 | - 1.8 |
| Fab. Structural Metal Products | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 0 | - 2.3 |
| Machinery, Exc. Electrical | 56.8 | 56.9 | 58.5 | - 0.2 | - 2.9 |
| Special Industry Machinery | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 0 | - 6.8 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equipment | 65.5 | 66.4 | 66.0 | - 1.4 | - 0.8 |
| Household Appliances | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.4 | + 3.4 | +13.0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 23.7 | 23.7 | 22.4 | 0 | + 5.8 |
| Other Durable Goods 2/ | 16.9 | 17.0 | 16.7 | - 0.6 | + 1.2 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 488.7 | 489.7 | 489.3 | - 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 46.9 | 46.7 | 44.8 | + 0.4 | + 4.7 |
| Meat Products | 20.2 | 19.8 | 18.3 | + 2.0 | +10.4 |
| Meat Packing Plants | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | + 4.0 | + 4.0 |
| Dairy Products | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 0 | + 3.3 |
| Grain Mill Products | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 0 | - 4.0 |
| Bakery Products | 7.7 | 7.8 | 7.8 | - 1.3 | - 1.3 |
| Beverages | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.9 | + 1.7 | + 3.4 |
| Tobacco Manufacturers | 25.8 | 25.9 | 25.9 | - 0.4 | - 0.4 |
| Cigarettes | 20.6 | 20.3 | 20.3 | + 1.5 | + 1.5 |
| Tobacco Stemming & Redrying | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.1 | - 8.0 | - 9.8 |
| Textile Mill Products | 206.8 | 207.1 | 210.8 | - 0.1 | - 1.9 |
| Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool | 53.9 | 54.4 | 59.6 | - 0.9 | - 9.6 |
| Weaving Mills, Cotton | 28.3 | 28.5 | 31.2 | - 0.7 | - 9.3 |
| Weaving Mills, Synthetics | 24.9 | 25.1 | 27.8 | - 0.8 | -10.4 |
| Knitting Mills | 75.9 | 75.9 | 74.1 | 0 | + 2.4 |
| Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks | 25.2 | 25.0 | 24.5 | + 0.8 | + 2.9 |
| Hosiery, NEC | 23.1 | 23.2 | 22.8 | - 0.4 | + 1.3 |
| Circular Knit Fabric Mills | 13.0 | 12.9 | 12.1 | + 0.8 | + 7.4 |
| Warp Knit Fabric Mills | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.2 | - 1.6 | - 1.6 |
| Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool | 14.3 | 14.4 | 14.3 | - 0.7 | 0 |
| Yarn & Thread Mills | 48.6 | 48.3 | 48.5 | + 0.6 | + 0.2 |

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| Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments | 37.9 | 38.8 | 38.6 | - 2.3 | - 1.8 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 22.2 | 22.3 | 22.6 | - 0.4 | - 1.8 |
| Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills | 10.7 | 10.8 | 11.2 | - 0.9 | - 4.5 |
| Paperboard Containers & Boxes | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.6 | - 1.3 | - 1.3 |
| Printing & Publishing | 27.1 | 26.7 | 25.5 | + 1.5 | + 6.3 |
| Newspapers | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.3 | + 1.0 | + 5.4 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 37.1 | 37.1 | 37.8 | 0 | - 1.9 |
| Plastics Materials & Synthetics | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.3 | 0 | - 2.3 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products | 29.4 | 29.7 | 30.8 | - 1.0 | - 4.5 |
| Other Nondurable Goods 3/ | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 0 | + 4.7 |
| NONMANUFACTURING | 1,876.7 | 1,871.2 | 1,792.4 | + 0.3 | + 4.7 |
| MINING | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | - 4.2 | - 2.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 160.1 | 161.2 | 145.6 | - 0.7 | +10.0 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 130.0 | 129.9 | 126.9 | + 0.1 | + 2.4 |
| Transportation, Exc. Railroad | 70.7 | 70.5 | 68.4 | + 0.3 | + 3.4 |
| Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser. | 55.0 | 54.7 | 53.9 | + 0.5 | + 2.0 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE | 596.0 | 590.2 | 571.7 | + 1.0 | + 4.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 140.4 | 139. | 136.9 | + 0.9 | + 2.6 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 84.5 | 83.8 | 82.0 | + 0.8 | + 3.0 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 55.9 | 55.4 | 54.9 | + 0.9 | + 1.8 |
| Retail Trade | 455.6 | 451.0 | 434.8 | + 1.0 | + 4.8 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 60.5 | 59.9 | 57.3 | + 1.0 | + 5.6 |
| Food Stores | 72.2 | 71.5 | 70.6 | + 0.9 | + 2.3 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE | 112.6 | 112.5 | 106.1 | + 0.1 | + 6.1 |
| SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/ | 445.3 | 442.4 | 417.4 | + 0.7 | + 6.7 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 28.0 | 28.2 | 24.5 | - 0.7 | +14.3 |
| Personal Services | 27.3 | 27.0 | 25.3 | + 1.1 | + 7.9 |
| Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser. | 11.7 | 11.6 | 11.1 | + 0.9 | + 5.4 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 428.1 | 430.2 | 420.0 | - 0.5 | + 1.9 |
| Federal | 52.9 | 52.9 | 50.7 | 0 | + 4.3 |
| State | 124.4 | 126.6 | 125.1 | - 1.7 | - 0.6 |
| Education | 64.0 | 66.1 | 64.2 | - 3.2 | - 0.3 |
| Other | 60.4 | 60.5 | 60.9 | - 0.2 | - 0.8 |
| Local | 250.8 | 250.7 | 244.2 | + 0.04 | + 2.7 |
| Education | 129.9 | 130.2 | 128.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.9 |
| Other | 120.9 | 120.5 | 115.5 | + 0.3 | + 4.7 |

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

## ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1986

| INDUSTRY | NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.) | | | PERCENT CHANGE FROM: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | February 1986 | January* 1986 | February* 1985 | January 1986 | February 1985 |
| MANUFACTURING | 651.7 | 653.1 | 656.3 | - 0.2 | - 0.7 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 256.6 | 256.7 | 258.8 | ** | - 0.9 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 30.5 | 30.4 | 30.7 | + 0.3 | - 0.7 |
| Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.5 | + 1.4 | - 2.7 |
| Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 0 | + 18.9 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 75.3 | 75.3 | 76.7 | 0 | - 1.8 |
| Household Furniture | 67.2 | 67.1 | 68.5 | + 0.1 | - 1.9 |
| Wood Household Furniture | 34.4 | 34.2 | 35.4 | + 0.6 | - 2.8 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Products | 15.8 | 15.7 | 15.9 | + 0.6 | - 0.6 |
| Structural Clay Products | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0 | + 5.3 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 19.7 | 19.8 | 20.0 | - 0.5 | - 1.5 |
| Machinery, Exc. Electrical | 28.3 | 28.3 | 28.6 | 0 | - 1.0 |
| Special Industry Machinery | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 0 | - 7.8 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equipment | 47.2 | 47.6 | 48.1 | - 0.8 | - 1.9 |
| Household Appliances | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 0 | + 11.9 |
| Transportation Equipment | 19.0 | 18.9 | 18.1 | + 0.5 | + 5.0 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 395.2 | 396.4 | 397.5 | - 0.3 | - 0.6 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 32.2 | 32.1 | 30.2 | + 0.3 | + 6.6 |
| Meat Products | 17.8 | 17.3 | 16.1 | + 2.9 | + 10.6 |
| Meat Packing | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | + 5.6 | + 5.6 |
| Dairy Products | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0 | + 7.1 |
| Grain Mill Products | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Bakery Products | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Beverages | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.2 | - 4.2 | + 4.5 |
| Tobacco Manufacturers | 19.3 | 20.2 | 19.6 | - 4.5 | - 1.5 |
| Cigarettes | 16.1 | 16.1 | 16.0 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| Tobacco Stemming & Redrying | 2.6 | 3.6 | 3.2 | - 27.8 | - 18.8 |
| Textile Mill Products | 181.2 | 181.3 | 185.2 | - 0.1 | - 2.2 |
| Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool | 47.3 | 47.8 | 52.4 | - 1.0 | - 9.7 |
| Weaving Mills, Cotton | 24.7 | 25.1 | 27.6 | - 1.6 | - 10.5 |
| Weaving Mills, Synthetics | 22.1 | 22.3 | 24.4 | - 0.9 | - 9.4 |
| Knitting Mills | 66.5 | 66.1 | 65.0 | + 0.6 | + 2.3 |
| Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks | 22.5 | 22.4 | 22.0 | + 0.4 | + 2.3 |
| Hosiery, NEC | 20.7 | 20.5 | 20.6 | + 1.0 | + 0.5 |
| Circular Knit Fabric Mills | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.0 | + 1.9 | + 8.0 |
| Warp Knit Fabric Mills | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | - 1.9 | 0 |
| Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool | 12.0 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 0 | + 0.8 |
| Yarn & Thread Mills | 43.9 | 43.8 | 44.1 | + 0.2 | - 0.5 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 77.4 | 78.0 | 76.4 | - 0.8 | + 1.3 |
| Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns. | 26.7 | 26.5 | 26.1 | + 0.8 | + 2.3 |
| Women's & Children's Garments | 32.8 | 33.4 | 33.7 | - 1.8 | - 2.7 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 16.7 | 16.9 | 17.0 | - 1.2 | - 1.8 |
| Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 0 | - 3.6 |
| Paperboard Containers & Boxes | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | - 1.7 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 17.0 | 16.8 | 16.3 | + 1.2 | + 4.3 |
| Newspapers | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | + 2.8 | + 2.8 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 24.0 | 23.9 | 24.4 | + 0.4 | - 1.6 |
| Plastic Materials & Synthetics | 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 0 | - 2.2 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products | 23.7 | 23.7 | 24.9 | 0 | - 4.8 |
| Other Nondurable Goods 2/ | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 0 | + 2.9 |

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/
February, 1986

| INDUSTRY | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb. 1986 | Jan.* 1986 | Feb. 1985 | Feb. 1986 | Jan.* 1986 | Feb. 1985 | Feb. 1986 | Jan.* 1986 | Feb. 1985 |
| MANUFACTURING | $296.86 | $301.73 | $279.36 | 39.9 | 40.5 | 38.8 | $ 7.44 | $ 7.45 | $ 7.20 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 308.70 | 314.00 | 293.72 | 40.3 | 41.1 | 39.8 | 7.66 | 7.64 | 7.38 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 257.40 | 261.79 | 239.07 | 39.6 | 40.4 | 39.0 | 6.50 | 6.48 | 6.13 |
| Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members | 264.73 | 262.86 | 240.59 | 41.3 | 41.2 | 40.3 | 6.41 | 6.38 | 5.97 |
| Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes | 270.34 | 275.48 | 259.88 | 37.6 | 38.8 | 37.5 | 7.19 | 7.10 | 6.93 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 259.78 | 267.42 | 243.59 | 38.6 | 39.5 | 38.3 | 6.73 | 6.77 | 6.36 |
| Household Furniture | 259.29 | 265.84 | 241.04 | 38.7 | 39.5 | 38.2 | 6.70 | 6.73 | 6.31 |
| Wood Household Furniture | 249.95 | 258.24 | 230.89 | 39.3 | 40.1 | 38.1 | 6.36 | 6.44 | 6.16 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Products | 329.27 | 332.83 | 309.32 | 40.6 | 41.5 | 40.7 | 8.11 | 8.02 | 7.60 |
| Structural Clay Products | 277.89 | 279.39 | 260.42 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 41.6 | 6.68 | 6.70 | 6.26 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 382.80 | 379.76 | 359.97 | 43.5 | 43.6 | 42.3 | 8.80 | 8.71 | 8.51 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 324.41 | 333.63 | 323.11 | 40.5 | 41.6 | 40.9 | 8.01 | 8.02 | 7.90 |
| Machinery, Exc. Electrical | 349.43 | 351.96 | 346.09 | 41.5 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 8.42 | 8.36 | 8.26 |
| Special Industry Machinery | 323.49 | 332.27 | 324.59 | 41.0 | 41.9 | 42.1 | 7.89 | 7.93 | 7.71 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equipment | 353.94 | 357.01 | 333.72 | 41.3 | 42.1 | 39.4 | 8.57 | 8.48 | 8.47 |
| Household Appliances | 272.84 | 276.62 | 260.88 | 39.6 | 40.5 | 36.9 | 6.89 | 6.83 | 7.07 |
| Transportation Equipment | 355.74 | 363.72 | 342.76 | 42.4 | 43.3 | 41.8 | 8.39 | 8.40 | 8.20 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 288.68 | 293.53 | 270.46 | 39.6 | 40.1 | 38.2 | 7.29 | 7.32 | 7.08 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 268.66 | 274.39 | 242.14 | 40.4 | 41.2 | 37.6 | 6.65 | 6.66 | 6.44 |
| Meat Products | 229.20 | 234.11 | 191.68 | 40.0 | 41.0 | 35.3 | 5.73 | 5.71 | 5.43 |
| Meat Packing | 325.73 | 341.99 | 320.54 | 41.6 | 43.4 | 41.9 | 7.83 | 7.88 | 7.65 |
| Dairy Products | 291.90 | 286.12 | 271.99 | 42.8 | 42.2 | 42.9 | 6.82 | 6.78 | 6.34 |
| Grain Mill Products | 308.74 | 329.68 | 312.06 | 43.0 | 45.1 | 44.9 | 7.18 | 7.31 | 6.95 |
| Bakery Products | 288.75 | 291.01 | 287.58 | 40.9 | 40.7 | 41.2 | 7.06 | 7.15 | 6.98 |
| Beverages | 491.57 | 500.65 | 448.84 | 41.8 | 42.5 | 40.4 | 11.76 | 11.78 | 11.11 |
| Tobacco Manufacturers | 468.10 | 479.16 | 473.80 | 34.7 | 36.3 | 36.9 | 13.49 | 13.20 | 12.84 |
| Cigarettes | 517.38 | 549.03 | 523.92 | 34.7 | 36.7 | 37.0 | 14.91 | 14.96 | 14.16 |
| Tobacco Stemming & Redrying | 204.03 | 190.30 | 196.57 | 35.3 | 34.6 | 36.2 | 5.78 | 5.50 | 5.43 |
| Textile Mill Products | 265.83 | 267.81 | 242.95 | 40.4 | 40.7 | 38.2 | 6.58 | 6.58 | 6.36 |
| Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool | 289.92 | 286.38 | 268.48 | 40.1 | 39.5 | 38.3 | 7.23 | 7.25 | 7.01 |
| Weaving Mills, Cotton | 300.12 | 279.32 | 268.61 | 41.0 | 37.9 | 38.1 | 7.32 | 7.37 | 7.05 |
| Weaving Mills, Synthetics | 278.78 | 293.34 | 269.43 | 39.1 | 41.2 | 38.6 | 7.13 | 7.12 | 6.98 |
| Knitting Mills | 240.47 | 245.17 | 215.65 | 39.1 | 39.8 | 36.8 | 6.15 | 6.16 | 5.86 |
| Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks | 227.84 | 240.98 | 200.84 | 38.1 | 39.7 | 35.8 | 5.98 | 6.07 | 5.61 |
| Hosiery, NEC | 227.29 | 225.90 | 211.12 | 37.2 | 37.4 | 36.4 | 6.11 | 6.04 | 5.80 |
| Circular Knit Fabric Mills | 273.73 | 276.60 | 231.58 | 41.6 | 42.1 | 36.7 | 6.58 | 6.57 | 6.31 |
| Warp Knit Fabric Mills | 301.00 | 308.67 | 266.67 | 44.2 | 44.8 | 40.9 | 6.81 | 6.89 | 6.52 |
| Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool | 280.03 | 278.64 | 275.40 | 41.0 | 40.5 | 40.8 | 6.83 | 6.88 | 6.75 |
| Yarn & Thread Mills | 267.54 | 270.94 | 236.07 | 42.0 | 42.6 | 38.7 | 6.37 | 6.36 | 6.10 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 193.81 | 195.52 | 181.86 | 37.2 | 37.6 | 35.8 | 5.21 | 5.20 | 5.08 |
| Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns. | 190.58 | 197.53 | 178.19 | 36.3 | 37.2 | 34.4 | 5.25 | 5.31 | 5.18 |
| Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments | 184.38 | 184.35 | 172.79 | 37.4 | 37.7 | 35.7 | 4.93 | 4.89 | 4.84 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 495.88 | 521.55 | 467.57 | 44.0 | 45.0 | 42.7 | 11.27 | 11.59 | 10.95 |
| Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills | 617.38 | 656.18 | 596.29 | 44.9 | 45.6 | 44.4 | 13.75 | 14.39 | 13.43 |
| Paperboard Containers & Boxes | 356.93 | 369.95 | 324.53 | 42.9 | 44.2 | 41.5 | 8.32 | 8.37 | 7.82 |
| Printing & Publishing | 325.47 | 333.78 | 317.96 | 38.7 | 39.5 | 39.4 | 8.41 | 8.45 | 8.07 |
| Newspapers | 258.74 | 258.23 | 277.35 | 31.4 | 31.3 | 33.7 | 8.24 | 8.25 | 8.23 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 398.45 | 405.98 | 395.73 | 40.7 | 41.3 | 41.7 | 9.79 | 9.83 | 9.49 |
| Plastics Materials & Synthetics | 440.26 | 455.76 | 451.54 | 41.3 | 42.2 | 42.8 | 10.66 | 10.80 | 10.55 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products | 379.25 | 380.69 | 363.94 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 40.8 | 9.25 | 9.24 | 8.92 |
| MINING | 346.76 | 375.92 | 341.48 | 42.6 | 45.9 | 42.9 | 8.14 | 8.19 | 7.96 |
| COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS. | 487.47 | 485.55 | 457.77 | 41.7 | 41.5 | 40.7 | 11.69 | 11.70 | 11.10 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 200.91 | 201.50 | 191.68 | 32.3 | 32.5 | 32.0 | 6.22 | 6.20 | 5.99 |
| Wholesale Trade | 311.26 | 314.03 | 298.33 | 39.4 | 39.7 | 39.1 | 7.90 | 7.91 | 7.63 |
| Retail Trade | 169.68 | 170.19 | 162.84 | 30.3 | 30.5 | 30.1 | 5.60 | 5.58 | 5.41 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 152.61 | 150.14 | 144.87 | 27.3 | 27.2 | 27.7 | 5.59 | 5.52 | 5.23 |
| Food Stores | 182.08 | 185.02 | 191.81 | 32.0 | 31.9 | 32.9 | 5.69 | 5.80 | 5.83 |
| SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 137.47 | 134.44 | 140.22 | 29.5 | 29.1 | 31.3 | 4.66 | 4.62 | 4.48 |
| Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser. | 190.99 | 193.60 | 188.14 | 34.6 | 35.2 | 35.1 | 5.52 | 5.50 | 5.36 |

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